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CHILD PROBLEM DISCUSSED BY JUDGE MOINET

"BRING UP CHILDREN RIGHT
AND YOU SOLVE POLITICAL
QUESTIONS," HE SAYS.

Industrial School Termed Hell-Hole

About 125 business and professional men of the city attended the Alma Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday noon at the city hall, and heard Circuit Judge E. J. Moinet deliver a "big Bertha" at the cigarette evil, term the industrial school a hell-hole and after pounding home the point that if the boys and girls are brought up right the political question will be settled right, heard him commend William E. Reynolds, Alma's city manager.

In opening his address Judge Moinet spoke of the spirit of friendliness prevalent among the business men of Alma and then launched directly into a discussion of the cigarette evil, which he said was growing since the war. "The boy is the danger," he said, and continuing remarked that the cigarette evil was becoming almost as bad as the liquor evil had been, and that the problem of today was the boys and girls of the coming generations. He said that he could judge by the people brought before him, and spoke of the boys and girls who are brought into circuit court charged with crime. He then asked if we are keeping close watch on our boys and girls. Do we want our boys and girls to smoke cigarettes he asked, and continuing told his audience that it was about time that a movement was launched to stop their sale.

He spoke of the boys and girls who were brought into court, charged with robbery, rape, etc., and indicated that these boys and girls were going wrong because of improper home conditions, where perhaps a mother was dead and a father too busy to provide a real home for his children, or because the parents were careless with their boys and girls at home.

The boy and girl problem is a serious one, he said. The churches can not reach them all, and the public must do what it can to aid in guiding them right.

He spoke a few words in regard to the industrial school and termed it a hell-hole.

In connection with crime and the sale of cigarettes unlawfully he said that the officers could not do everything, and that they have had trouble in getting the people to tell what they know about a crime. Stand four-square, he said, and co-operate or the officers cannot meet with success. Do not refuse to aid the officers and then claim they are poor officers if they cannot secure a conviction he said.

He referred to the episode at the Michigan State Normal this week, where news came of seventeen girls (Continued on page two)

ARE OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

BABCOCK PAPERS IN ALMA AND
ST. LOUIS CHOSEN BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Babcock publications, The Alma Record and St. Louis Leader have been selected by the Board of Supervisors of Gratiot County as the official publications, and this coming year both the Alma Record and the St. Louis Leader will have the full and complete report of all meetings of the Board. Each publication is also the official publication for the city in which it is located.

By the selection of these papers as the official publication of the county, the people of the northern townships of Gratiot will have a far better opportunity than ever before of reading the official report of what their representatives are doing at Ithaca when the Board is in session.

As over half of the population of Gratiot is located in the northern tier of townships of the county, which the two publications cover like a blanket, in addition to some hundreds of papers which penetrate into other sections of the county, making it possible for more people to read the official proceedings than ever before, which is without a doubt the intent of the law which provides for the publication of the proceedings.

Loses His Toes In Record Press

A sad and a most regrettable accident took place in The Record office Thursday afternoon, when four toes were smashed from the right foot of Leo Emmons, a high school senior, the toes being caught between a bar and a cog wheel in the Duplex newspaper press.

Emmons, who is in the employ of the Robinson stores, outside of school hours, had come to the office and made his way to the back room, no one inquiring what he was seeking, as it was thought that he was after some bills for the Robinson stores. The lad stopped to watch the newspaper press in operation, and suddenly, and evidently very carelessly, he raised his right foot and placed it on the bar, which pulls the rollers back and forth across the press 38 times per minute. Operating on a large cog wheel, one end of the bar whirling around with it, it was only an instant before the toes of the young man were pulled into the cogs of the wheel, and between them and the bar. Instantly they were severed from his foot.

The operator saw the young man's action, but even as he called to him to remove his foot, it became caught. Emmons was quickly taken to a local hospital, where his wounds were dressed and at last reports is progressing as rapidly as can be expected.

The accident is a very unfortunate one and greatly regretted by The Record force and the management, yet it should serve as a warning to use care and reasonable judgment around machinery.

QUARTER SHOWS GOOD INCREASE

REPUBLIC HEAD CITES SALES
FIGURES TO SHOW CONDI-
TIONS ON UPGRADE.

That the expected upward turn in general business conditions has begun, and is actually a reality, rather than an expectation, was the opinion expressed here today by Colonel Frank E. Smith, President and General Manager of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., in an interview given to local press representatives. "Our records of sales during the first quarter of this year show clearly that general business conditions are improving, for it goes without saying that transportation is a reliable barometer of business fluctuations."

"Truck sales in February were 50% greater than in the first month of the year, and March continued to show healthy growth by registering a sales volume 50% greater than February. So far this month our inquiries and sales indicate that April will climb above March by an even higher percentage of increase, and we naturally feel that these facts may be taken as an indication that business in other lines is also on the long expected climb toward normalcy after the period of deflation and business stagnation."

"We learn from reliable sources that other manufacturers in the automotive field are experiencing similar gains in sales volume, and it is only reasonable to expect that with the rapid opening of the spring road construction activities in all sections, labor, materials and equipment will have to be purchased in increasing quantities. Following this as a natural consequence will be a very large demand for motor buses, it having been clearly proven that the public is heartily in favor of this mode of transportation."

SUMMER CONFERENCE IN JULY

The annual conference of Presbyterian young people, which is annually held at Alma College during the summer, will be held this year from July 3 to July 9, inclusive. It is expected that the program for the conference this year will bring to Alma better religious speakers than had ever appeared at previous conferences. The Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work of the Presbyterian Church has charge of the program of the conference. As the attendance at the summer conference here has been greater each year, since the first summer school several years ago, it is confidently expected that the coming conference will see another record breaking attendance.

FRANK RIDER PASSED AWAY

Frank Rider, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. E. Murphy, Grove avenue on Sunday, April 16, after a long illness from Cancer of the throat. He was born in Dryden, Mich., March 19, 1875. He is survived by a brother, two nephews and a niece. Short funeral services were held Monday afternoon in charge of Rev. M. W. Duffy of the M. E. Church. The body was taken to Marion for burial.



HEALTH NURSE IS IMPORTANT

BY PREVENTING "REPEATERS"
SHE SAVES MUCH MONEY
EVERY YEAR.

It is an accepted fact that about ten per cent of the children in Michigan's schools, as in the schools of other states, are "repeaters," that is year to make a grade. A county that has a school child population of 20,000, has approximately 2,000 repeaters. It is known that the most important reasons for this repetition with tuberculosis and other defects are teeth, tonsils and adenoids, as other causes. By medical inspection in the schools and by the employment of a county public health nurse the number of "repeaters" can be cut down considerably in any county. That this can be done is known because it has been done in some counties, says the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

It costs at least fifty dollars a year for each child in school. Any county that by taking the necessary steps for medical inspection and nursing service cuts down the number of "repeaters" by one fourth, or 500 in a county of 20,000 pupils thereby saves the neat sum of \$25,000, which is vastly more than the cost of the service. A county public health nurse that cuts down "repeaters" by so small a number as fifty, thereby more than saves the county her salary.

A movement is in progress in Michigan to have a public nurse supported by the funds of the county appointed in thirty additional counties in Michigan. There are at present twelve county health nurses supported by public taxes, and the thirty proposed additional nurses will help materially to improve health conditions in Michigan. Appointing a public health nurse in a county is not a matter of philanthropy, according to the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, but a matter of hard-headed business sense.

For the third consecutive winter Michigan has finished second by a big lead in the registration of winter visitors at the Tourist Information Bureau in Tampa, 1080 of the 9815 registering being from the Wolverine state. H. Bird Clark and family, of Alma, were among the number.

RECORD SECURES ROGER BABSON'S WEEKLY REPORTS

The Alma Record, realizing fully the need that business and professional men of every community now have for the very best business advice that is procurable, has made arrangements to use a weekly statement by Roger Babson, world famous statistician.

The Record believes that the people of the community and the surrounding territory will welcome these weekly reports by Babson, as it is indeed seldom that one of these reports comes out, but what it is applicable to some business enterprise in the city to some degree at least. It is seldom that papers in cities the size of Alma go to the expense required to use these reports.

These reports from Babson are obtained at no small cost to The Record, and are to be published for the benefit of the people of Alma and surrounding country. The first of the reports will be found in this issue of The Record.

Open Radio Store Here on Saturday

Arrangements have been made by the D. W. Robinson store and the Commercial Radiophone Company, whereby the latter will be located in the basement of the Robinson store on State street and will give its concerts, which will be held at various times, in the ready-to-wear department.

The new department of the Robinson stores will be all ready to open Saturday April 22, J. L. Walker, Detroit and Ann Arbor radio specialist, will be in charge of the radio work of the company. The company will carry a full line of radio outfits and supplies in the store, which will be the first radio store opened in this part of the state.

A free radio concert is being planned for Saturday afternoon and evening, which will be held in the ready-to-wear department of the Robinson store on State street, the first open free concert of the kind to be held in the city. The receiving apparatus has been installed and tested out and is all ready to receive the concerts, which will be picked up from the broadcasting stations of the large cities. Some splendid programs are rendered at these broadcasting stations, and the people of this vicinity are certain of hearing a fine concert, either Saturday afternoon or evening.

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OPENS

ALMA ONE OF SIX SCHOOLS TO
OPEN SCHOOL LEAGUE SEA-
SON FRIDAY.

The six school teams of the recently organized Central Michigan league, composed of the leading high schools of Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties, will open their league seasons on Friday, putting under way a season that should be more conducive to good athletics in central Michigan than any in the past.

None of the teams is in good shape for the opener on Friday, as the weather conditions up until this week were such that the teams were able to secure but little outdoor work, and the greater part of this was secured on rain-soaked diamonds, which do not offer the best possible places for workouts. The local team has been working faithfully during the past few days in the effort to make up as much as possible for the previous lost time, and probably will be in as good shape to open the season as any of the teams in the league.

Local hopes to finish high up in the standing in the new school league are high. The team will be far from a veteran aggregation but is seemingly giving every promise of developing into a speedy high school nine.

Alma high will open at home with Clare, meeting this school in an athletic contest for the first time in a dozen years. Clare has had some classy baseball teams in recent years and promises to give Coach Van Hoesen's nine a real battle on Re-public field. The probabilities are that the various teams will be nearly equal in strength. St. Louis will meet Shepherd at Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant will play at Ithaca.

Two teaspoonsful of Tanlac in a little water taken three times a day just before meals will make you eat better, feel better, sleep better and work better.—Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

Weekly Editors Form A State Association

Seventy-five editors and publishers of Michigan weekly newspapers organized the Michigan Press Association during a conference held at the Michigan Agricultural College on April 14 and 15. The new organization, composed of rural newspaper men, is to function in the interests of the weekly or "community press of the state."

While the Press Association is to be an individual organization in itself, members are understood to be retaining their affiliation with the Michigan Typothetae Federation, the parent organization for publishers and printers of the state.

Officers of the newly organized group include: Fred D. Keister, W. Feighner, Nashville News, Vice President; and Sim R. Wilson, Salline Observer, Secretary-Treasurer. Members of executive and special committees are to be appointed by the president.

Meetings in February and August of each year, the former at East Lansing and the latter at a place to be set each year, are provided for in the constitution and by-laws adopted.

G. L. Caswell, field secretary of the Iowa Press Association and one of the country's greatest authorities on weekly press organization and business methods, was present during the two days of the conference, presenting talks on the work in his state. David Friday, new president of M. A. C. also addressed the meeting Saturday morning.

SMALLPOX CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

DUTY OF PARENTS TO HAVE
CHILDREN VACCINATED
SAYS DR. OLIN.

Told chronologically this story begins in 1916.

In that year smallpox broke out in Mason, county-seat of Ingham County, and general vaccination of all school children was ordered. The parents of one little girl, acting on their prerogative, refused to allow vaccination and the child was excluded from school until the epidemic subsided. She did not contract the disease.

The scene now shifts to Hackley hospital, Muskegon; the time is March 1922, and the dramatic persona one Carol Ellsworth, daughter of the hospital—the former Mason girl who was never vaccinated. On Feb. 25 she contracted "black" or hemorrhagic smallpox. She died from the disease at 6:15 p. m., March 7th.

Receiving word that Carol was sick the mother had gone to Muskegon to see her daughter. There she learned that the hospital authorities would not let her see her child unless she was vaccinated. Though she professed not to believe in vaccination she consented in order to gain admittance to the sick room. After the death of the girl the mother was disinfected and permitted to return home. She developed a slight rash which her family physician declared was not smallpox.

But on April 2, her husband, Homer Ellsworth—who had never been vaccinated—became sick with confluent smallpox, a slightly milder form than the hemorrhagic smallpox. He died from this preventable disease on April 12th.

"This series of instances," says Dr. R. M. Olin, commissioner of health, "should serve as a timely warning to all parents that it is their duty to have their children vaccinated—advisably before two years of age and again at 15 or 16. Personal liberty grants anyone the right to contract smallpox—and die with it—if he does not believe in vaccination, but it does not give him the moral right to leave helpless children unprotected."

Toledo Wholesalers Are Coming to Alma

Announcement has been made that the wholesalers of Toledo, Ohio, eighty strong, will visit Alma on May 10, with a special train, while enroute through central and eastern Michigan on a trade extension tour.

The Buckeyes will arrive in Alma at 10:55, Wednesday, May 10, and will leave at 1:00 p. m. Dinner will be served in the Chamber of Commerce rooms for the Toledoans and their business connections in Alma. A band, a fine singer and a good speaker or two will accompany the tourists and some good music and speeches are assured during the time that the visitors are in Alma.

C. M. Johnson and Harley Williams were in Detroit on business the latter part of last week.

CIVIC LIBRARY GIVEN TO THE CITY OF ALMA

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE
ASKS CITY TO TAKE OVER
THE PROPOSITION.

The City Commission Takes Prompt Action

A communication from the Alma Civic Improvement League to the City Commission Tuesday night carried a resolution passed by the League at a recent meeting offering to the city the library which the organization established here in 1907 and has continued since that time with a fine success.

It was pointed out in the communication, which was signed by Mrs. Sadie M. Soule, vice president of the Civic League, by Mrs. Wilcox, secretary, and also by the members of the library committee, that the library has now reached such proportions that the league feels that it is no longer able to finance the library to the extent that should be done to keep pace with the demands that are being made upon it by the public.

In the communication the League asked that it might have the right to suggest the names of members of a library board to be named to govern and direct the affairs of the library, if taken over by the city.

The communication was accepted by the city commission and filed, and the city attorney was instructed to prepare a library ordinance, which will provide for a governing board for the library.

It is expected that as soon as the library board has been named by the city, which of course will not be for a few weeks, pending the preparing and passage of the ordinance, the Civic Improvement League will turn over to the city the fine library furniture which was purchased about a year ago by this organization, giving to the city a fully equipped library, that is a splendid foundation for the city to build upon in the future.

The library and free reading room was established by the Civic Improvement League in 1907, by the gift of books from various people in the city, and the purchase of some books and magazines. Gradually the library grew until it has assumed fine proportions for a privately owned library of this character. At the present time the library contains over 3,000 books, the leading magazines and daily papers.

That the library, even now, means much to the city is shown from the fact that between 3,000 and 4,000 people visit it each month. Last year over 23,000 books were loaned and over 39,000 people visited the reading room in all. A total of 349 books was bought last year.

About a year ago the library was moved into the west room of the city hall, where it has a good location and considerable room in which to expand.

It is understood that the budget for the city for the coming year, which is now being prepared by William E. Reynolds, city manager, will contain an item of \$3,500 for the library during the next twelve months. It is possible, however, when the budget gets before the city commission for discussion prior to its passage in May, that the amount may be increased.

RECORD SECURES RADIOPHONE NEWS

FIRST PAPER IN COUNTY TO
GET ITEMS BY MEANS OF
THE RADIO.

Two late news items taken by the Commercial Radiophone Company of this city, located in the D. W. Robinson store, made available to The Record permits this paper to give the first news published in the county that has been secured by wireless.

Milwaukee, Wis., reported a heavy storm in that city and Zanesville late yesterday, which did a large damage, and which was followed by a big snowstorm which seriously interfered with street car traffic and in some parts of those cities brought it to a complete standstill.

It was reported from Gary, Indiana, that the United States Steel Corporation is opening two more mills today, and is hanging out help wanted signs. Indications are that other mills will be opened next week.